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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM COMMENTS ON TALK WITH RABIN

1. SYG APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT LAST EVENING AUGUST 18 WITH REQUEST TO PASS ON TO SECSTATE HIS LATEST TALK WITH RABIN. FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY AT HELSINKI, WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD ARRANGED WITH ISRAELIS MEETING WITH RABIN IN STOCKHOLM AUGUST 3. HE FLEW DIRECTLY TO STOCKHOLM AND RETURNED DIRECTLY TO AUSTRIA AFTER TWO HOUR TALK WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER. WALDHEIM EXPLAINED HIS DELAY IN REPORTING CONVERSATION FACT THAT HE HAD BEEN AWAY FROM REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS AND HAD ONLY NOW ARRIVED BACK IN NEW YORK.

2. WALDHEIM WAS ANXIOUS TO MAKE POINT HE HAD MADE FULL EFFORT TO CARRY OUT UNDERTAKINGS FROM HIS HELSINKI MEETING WITH SECRETARY. HE HAD REPORTED TO RABIN HIS JULY CONVERSATION WITH SADAT; HAD EMPHASIZED HIS AGREEMENT WITH USG THAT INTERIM AGREEMENT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE, THAT BOTH SIDES MUST BE PREPARED MAKE CONCESSIONS IN COMMON INTEREST AND THAT TIME WAS OF ESSENCE TO AVOID DETERIORATION OF SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST.

3. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD COME AWAY FROM MEETING MUCH IMPRESSED WITH POSITIVE ATTITUDE SHOWN BY RABIN. HE SAID HE HAD NOT GOT INTO SPECIFICS OF POSSIBLE AGREEMENT,  
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BUT IN GENERAL RABIN HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING AND HAD SHOWN

AWARENESS OF NEED FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT. WALDHEIM STRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH RABIN CONVERSATION AND HIS HOPE THAT IT HAD BEEN IN SOME WAY HELPFUL TO SECRETARY'S EFFORTS. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION OVER CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAD EVOLVED BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND HIMSELF ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUE AND SAID HE WAS CONVINCED SECRETARY'S STEP BY STEP BILATERAL APPROACH, SUPPLEMENTED BY ASSISTANCE FROM MULTILATERAL SIDE, WAS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS. HE WISHED SECRETARY EVERY SUCCESS ON HIS FORTHCOMING MISSION.

4. SYG ASKED SPECIFICALLY THAT HIS REPORT OF HIS RABIN CONVERSATION BE PASSED TO SECRETARY BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR MIDDLE EAST.  
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